

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Please replace the abstract appearing at page 34 of the specification, with the following amended paragraph.

ABSTRACT

According to the present invention, there is provided a method for producing expandable styrene-modified olefin-based resin ~~beads~~ particles comprising steps of :
impregnating styrene-modified olefin-based resin ~~beads~~ particles with an easily volatile blowing agent to obtain expandable resin ~~beads~~ particles, and impregnating 100 parts by weight of the expandable resin ~~beads~~ particles with 0.1 to 2.0 parts by weight of a surfactant at a temperature of 10 to 30°C and at a pressure of 0.05 to 0.30 MPa, to obtain expandable styrene-modified olefin-based resin ~~beads~~ particles.